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SUBJECT: BRITISH MPS' FEEDBACK ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN STRATEGY

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[11](#). (C/NF) Summary. MPs who attended a December 2 reception for the Ambassador hosted by the British-American Parliamentary Group (BAPG) expressed
[12](#). (SBU/NF) At a December 2 reception for the Ambassador hosted by the British-American Parliamentary Group (BAPG), several MPs shared with F
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[13](#). (C/NF) The MPs expressed points of view that were broadly supportive of the President's strategy. A typical response was from Labour MP

[14](#). (C/NF) Conservative MP James Arbuthnot, Chair of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, told the DCM that he was fine with the President

[15](#). (C/NF) Daniel Kawczynski, a very junior backbencher on the Tories' Foreign Affairs team, stressed to Poloff that the key was getting other

[16](#). (C/NF) Tim Boswell, an especially pro-American MP from the left-end of the Conservatives, commented that the surge had to be the final push
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[17](#). (C/NF) Labour MP and Chairman of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee Mike Gapes expressed satisfaction with the thrust of the President's

[18](#). (C/NF) Lord David Hannay, formerly a senior diplomat whose positions have included UKUN Permanent Representative and the UK's Special Representative
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[19](#). (C/NF) The comments from several MPs about the need for other allies to step up to the plate is a widely held and deeply felt sentiment in
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